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**Advisory Action**

Application No.

09/708,575

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NAKAO, AKIHIKO

Examiner

Brian Q Le

Art Unit

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THE REPLY FILED 03 August 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

**PERIOD FOR REPLY** [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
  - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
  - (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
  - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☐ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: 5-7.

Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_.

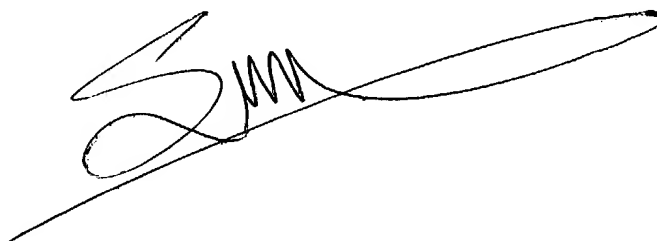
Claim(s) rejected: 1, 2, 4 and 8-11.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.
10. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Regarding claims 1-2, the Applicant argues that the Background of Ikeda does not teach the disclosure of dictionaries of a plurality of countries. The Examiner disagrees. The Background clearly teaches this concept as follow "address dictionaries which contain 500 registered country/city names ... building names" (column 1, lines 55-60). This clearly indicates that there are dictionaries of a plurality of countries. Furthermore, the Background discloses the concept of dictionaries of a plurality of countries including with the means of storing (column 1, line 26), selecting (constitute an address) (column 1, line 25) and recognizing (column 1, line 27). Since the concept of processing dictionaries of a plurality of countries are well known (discussed in the Background), thus, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to combine the claimed processing of dictionaries (hierarchical structure and plurality of states) with the processing of dictionaries of plurality of countries so that letter/postal mail can be accurately distributed to various countries.

Regarding claims 4, 8-11, the Examiner did not use Yui to teach the concept of dictionaries of plurality of countries. Also there was a typographical error in the previous Office Actions, Yui reference is U.S. Patent No. 5,910,998 (not U.S. Patent No. 6,266,431).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samir Ahmed', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**SAMIR AHMED**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**